

18. An elevator system, comprising:
a hoistway having a hoistway door and a ceiling;
an elevator car located in the hoistway; [and]
a drive motor drivingly coupled to the elevator car, the drive motor being located in a fixed position immediately adjacent to one of a top and bottom portion of a hoistway door and below the hoistway ceiling; and
a housing for substantially enclosing the drive motor relative to an adjacent hallway, wherein the housing includes a movable panel protruding externally of the hoistway into the adjacent hallway, the movable panel providing access to the drive motor from a position in front of the hoistway door.

Please add new claims 19-23 as follows:

--19. The elevator system according to Claim 18, wherein the drive motor is drivingly coupled to the elevator car by one or more ropes, wherein the ropes extend in a horizontal orientation from the drive motor to a first diverter sheave and then in a vertical orientation from the first diverter sheave to the elevator car.--

--20. The elevator system according to Claim 19, further including a counterweight, and wherein the one or more ropes extend in a horizontal orientation from the drive motor to a second diverter sheave, and then in a vertical orientation from the second diverter sheave to the counterweight.--

--21. The elevator system according to Claim 19, wherein the one or more ropes extending from the first diverter sheave to the elevator car extend along a side of the elevator car.--

--22. The elevator system according to Claim 21, wherein the one or more ropes extend under the elevator car and engage one or more car diverter sheaves disposed on the elevator car.--